



Dr. Smith Joseph
Mayor of North Miami



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**MAYOR SMITH JOSEPH'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED NATION'S
APOLOGY FOR HAITI'S 2010 CHOLERA EPIDEMIC**

North Miami, FL – December 6, 2016 - Mayor Smith Joseph released the following statement in response to the Secretary General of the United Nations Ban-Ki-moon's apology to the people of Haiti.

"I applaud the UN Secretary-General for his apology to the Haitian people for acknowledging both the cholera outbreak and its catastrophic toll on the Haitian population. Over 800,000 people contracted the infectious bacterial disease and at least 10,000 died in Haiti. I recently traveled to Haiti after Hurricane Matthew where I discovered a new cholera outbreak in the affected areas. I urge the UN Secretary-General to promote new efforts to establish guidelines to eradicate cholera in Haiti and compensate the victims and their family for their pain and suffering."

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Dr. Smith Joseph is a licensed practicing physician and has managed a successful medical practice in the city of North Miami for the past 14 years. Dr. Joseph's leadership prowess has been in providing community service and opportunity for his constituents. He provides free annual check-ups for the elderly, internship opportunities to the youth, and served on several boards in North Miami while managing his medical clinic, Universal Medical Centre. Dr. Joseph organized and led a march for Trayvon Martin in Miami-Dade County in March 2012, spearheaded earthquake relief efforts in Haiti in 2010 and has participated in multiple medical missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Joseph earned his associate degree from Miami Dade College and later earned a doctorate in pharmacy from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). Dr. Joseph is a proud Rattler. Thereafter, Dr. Joseph earned a doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Grady Memorial Hospital/Morehouse School of Medicine, in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Joseph speaks four (4) languages fluently: English, French, Spanish and Creole. He has received many awards and distinguished recognition, including being inducted into the Miami-Dade College Hall of Fame in 2009, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges, and Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare. Dr. Joseph is married to practicing attorney, Patricia SaintVil-Joseph and has three beautiful children. http://www.northmiamifl.gov/government/mayor_council/mayor.aspx